

DENY Hylan CREDIT FOR TAX RATE CUT

\$350,000,000 Gain in Assessed Valuation Is Cited by Real Estate Board.

URGE RADICAL MEASURES

Charter Revision and Consolidation of City Bureaus Held Necessary.

While a lower tax rate appears probable for next year, the fact is due, according to a statement issued yesterday by the Real Estate Board of New York, not to economies by the Hylan administration, but to a net increase of \$350,000,000 in the assessed valuations of real and personal property in the city.

Until provision is made either by a revision of the charter or through legislation for the city to consolidate departments and abolish unnecessary and conflicting bureaus and thus curtail expenditures it is idle for the city to attempt to remedy its defects. The Real Estate Board's statement says: "The following statement was issued to-day by the Real Estate Board of New York in connection with the tentative budget:

"A lower tax rate next year is assured; not on account of a lower budget, but because of a net increase of \$350,000,000 in assessed valuations of the city's real and personal property.

"The budget will in all probability not greatly exceed the budget of 1921. It may even be no larger than that, but there will be no deficit to carry over to 1922.

"The educational deficit of 1921 is provided for in the debt service and the budget of educational expense for 1922 is entirely taken care of.

"A careful examination of the tentative budget discloses many individual items that are unnecessary and extravagant, but their total is not sufficient materially to change the tax rate. Secretaries, deputies, examiners, special examiners, assistants and confidential inspectors could be eliminated with no harm to the city, but the total amount that might thus be saved would not reduce the tax rate more than one or two points. The remedy is in radical measures which must be taken.

"If the Legislature carries out its plans for a new or revised charter all these matters should be adjusted in it. Otherwise it should give the members of the Board of Estimate, elected from the city at large, the power to consolidate or abolish unnecessary or conflicting bureaus and departments. The Legislature should also repeal all mandatory legislation as to salaries of all city or county employees except elected officers.

"The Board of Estimate should be sole judge of the value of the services rendered by the city or the counties comprising the city. The appointed officials in the courts should also be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Estimate, and cer-

tainly the administrative and supervisory force of the Board of Education. "Whatever arguments might apply to the teaching staff do not apply to the others. "Until these legislative remedies are enacted it is idle for civic bodies to criticize the budget or endeavor to remedy its defects."

LIFE INSURANCE MAN DIES WHILE AT PRAYER

Albert C. Bruce, Brother-in-Law of Thomas Nelson Page.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 15.—Kneeling in prayer, Albert C. Bruce, life insurance agent of this city, 63 years old, was found dead beside a bed early to-day in his apartment. He was stricken last night as he was about to retire. Death was due to apoplexy.

Mr. Bruce was a brother-in-law of Thomas Nelson Page, his sister, Ann Bruce, having been the first wife of Mr. Page. One of his brothers, Douglas Bruce, is professor of English at the University of Tennessee. Philip A. Bruce, another brother, is now writing an official history of the University of Virginia and its alumni. His two surviving sons, Howard Bruce and Albert C. Bruce, Jr., are prominently identified with banking and other business interests in Baltimore.

COAL WHOLESALERS URGE RAIL RATE CUT

Telegram to Railroad Executives Asks Reduction.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The American Wholesale Coal Association, through its president, W. R. Coyne, of Bethlehem, Pa., sent a telegram to-day to the Association of Railroad Executives recommending a sharp cut in rates on coal and coke, accompanied, if necessary, by a further reduction in wages.

"Our customers, the consumers of coal, are asking why their coal remains so high," the telegram said. "You and we know that coal has come down and that lower prices to them can come only with lower rates."

"The people are impatient over the delay in adjusting rates. We recommend that you announce at once a sweeping downward revision of the rates on all coal and coke. If necessary, we recommend that you announce a further reduction in wages to take effect simultaneously with the new rate schedule. It is our opinion that such an announcement immediately made by you will be a great aid to business revival, as coal is an important factor in the operation of every factory and a necessity in the heating of every home."

"These specifications are open to inspection by any person."

Mr. Coyne's statement referred to testimony given before the committee on Friday's hearing by Dr. G. A. New, an engineer, in regard to what he termed a "divvy sheet" and which he

NEW YORK AND LONDON EQUAL IN HEALTH RATE

New York and London are about equally healthy, according to the figures of the Health Department of this city. The mortality rate for New York is 12.36; for London, 12.65. The unhealthiest large city on earth is Florence, Italy, where the rate is 20.48 per thousand, the high rate being due to excessive mortality from tuberculosis, cancer and acute respiratory diseases.

The second highest rate in the table of big cities is that of Vienna, 18.56, due largely to the great numbers of children that die under one year of age. Liverpool is next with 16.44, Berlin follows with 16.01.

ENRIGHT EXPLAINS ABSENCE AT PROBE

Tells Meyer Committee He Was Away and Could Not Appear Yesterday.

TO TESTIFY TO-MORROW

Inspector Dwyer May Be Recalled—Bird S. Coler Issues a Statement.

The failure of Police Commissioner Enright to respond to a subpoena of the Meyer investigating committee on Friday was explained yesterday when Mr. Enright sent word to Senator Meyer that he had been in Atlantic City and would appear to-morrow. After taking Commissioner Enright's testimony the committee will adjourn its hearings until the week after election.

Senator Meyer said that he still has five city departments under investigation, but to save expense he has dismissed several experts, process servers and other employees. He said also that Police Inspector Dwyer may be recalled to-morrow to answer questions pertaining to the ownership of the Van Cortlandt Hotel or Hotel de France, but that it is improbable that Dwyer will be allowed to read into the record the \$6,000 word statement against those he calls his "public enemies," which he issued recently at a meeting of the Police Reserve.

Bird S. Coler, Commissioner of Public Welfare, gave out the following statement:

"As regards the proposed installation of an oil burning system at the Kings County Hospital, I desire to point out:

"(1) No contract has been let.

"(2) No bids have been advertised for.

"(3) Plans and specifications for this work have not even been submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its approval.

"(4) The proposed specifications covering this work as recommended by the Department of Public Welfare are so drawn as to be wide open to competitive bidding.

"(5) These specifications are open to inspection by any person."

Mr. Coler's statement referred to testimony given before the committee on Friday's hearing by Dr. G. A. New, an engineer, in regard to what he termed a "divvy sheet" and which he

said pertained to the Kings County Hospital contract. This "divvy sheet," which was presented in evidence, contained the names and initials of persons who, it was alleged, would participate in a division of \$18,000 graft on the contract, to provide for which, Dr. New testified, he was to boost the contract price from \$47,500 to \$62,500. Thomas J. (The) McManus, Tammany district leader; Alderman Charles McManus, his brother, and others were named. David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, also issued an explanation of the "divvy sheet" similar to Mr. Coler's.

DETECTIVES AWE CROWD AFTER DRUG ARRESTS

Three detectives of the Narcotic squad drew their revolvers last night to awe a crowd that surrounded them when they arrested Charles Ferschleiser, 1146 Tiffany street, The Bronx, charged with selling narcotics. John Brooks of 13 Bowers with possession of narcotics and Joseph Schwartz of 80 Sheriff street with interfering with an officer.

Detectives Barr, Neville and Wolfko arrested the men at Rivington and Sheriff streets. Ferschleiser fled, but stopped in half a block when a detective threatened to shoot.

NEW UNION FORMED OF LONGSHOREMEN

United Cargo Workers Meet Under Protection of Police Detail.

Seven hundred longshoremen who have rebelled against the methods used by officers of the International Longshoremen's Association and have formed a separate organization, known as the United Cargo Workers' Affiliation of the Port of Greater New York and vicinity, met last night in St. Veronica's Hall, Barrow and Washington streets, under a strong police guard. Reports were circulated along the waterfront throughout the afternoon that an attempt would be made to break up the meeting. That caused William Fildes, chairman of the new body, to appeal to Chief Inspector Lahey for protection.

While two score detectives and policemen circulated about the meeting room and the streets outside Mr. Fildes denounced Joseph A. Ryan, vice-president

of the International Longshoremen's Association and the delegates to a convention of that body at Buffalo, which voted to have the longshoremen accept a 10 per cent. wage reduction, which, he said, was greater than that demanded by the steamship companies for whom they were working. Mr. Fildes read a report of the appointment of these delegates, indicating they had been allowed \$250 expenses each to attend the Buffalo convention, or a total of approximately \$5,500 was assessed on the longshoremen, he said, for the sole purpose of forcing them to accept a 10 per cent. wage decrease.

Mr. Fildes told the longshoremen that an application for a charter had been made and that a constitution and by-laws were being drawn up. He advised the men to be wary of the activities of International Longshoremen's Association emissaries along the waterfront and said Chief Inspector Lahey had promised to double the police protection between Gansevoort and Fifty-seventh streets until the excitement incident to their rebellion had subsided.

The longshoremen are the second body of laboring men along the New York waterfront who have broken away from their parent bodies and formed independent unions. The harbor boatmen were the first. In both instances the reasons put forward for the secession were that officers of the unions had turned their offices in sinecures at their expense. The new organizations are pledged to a

low membership fee, with the lowest possible overhead through the elimination of virtually all salaries among officers. The longshoremen broke last Tuesday when their strike of ten days was declared at an end by the union officials. They met and decided upon the new body and directed that all their men return to work until such time as the organization could be completed, officers elected and wage and working agreements be worked out with the steamship company officials.

UTILITY COUNSEL RESIGNS.

Edward L. Herrmann, counsel for the New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commissioners, who conducted the fight against the Public Service Railway Company fare injunction, losing in a special Federal court, has tendered his resignation, stating he desires to return to private practice. He will continue to conduct the fare rate case through an appeal to the United States Supreme Court. The special Federal court authorized an agreement last week by which the railway company is permitted to increase the basic fare from 7 to 8 cents.

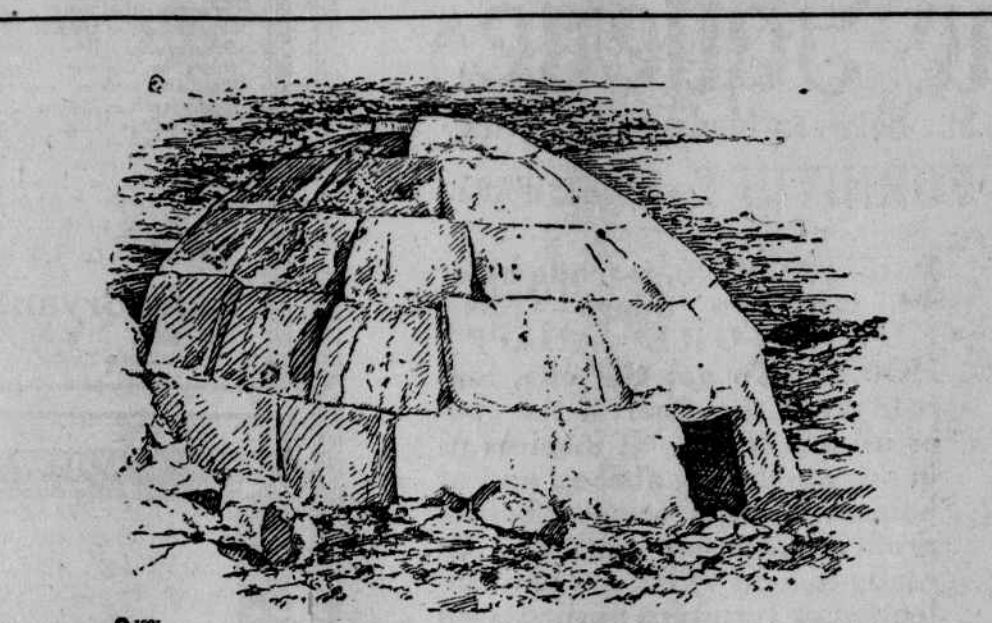
NON-FIGHTING FLAGSHIP UNDERGOING REPAIRS

Great Northern at Navy Yard for Renovation.

The steamship Great Northern, which during the war was a transport, is being dismantled and renovated at the Brooklyn Navy Yard preparatory to becoming the flagship of Rear Admiral Hilary Jones, commander of the Atlantic fleet.

The Great Northern, which is 450 feet long and has a speed of 29 knots, will be useful not only for administrative purposes but also, being speedier than battleships, will be able to cruise about the fleet observing the carrying out of maneuvers. She will carry only small guns for saluting purposes when Commander H. B. Hilliard, fleet construction officer, finishes his work in about four months.

THE STORY OF REVILLON FURS



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As soon as the first heavy snowfall supplies building material, the Eskimo erects his winter home. The snow igloo is an excellent specimen of primitive architecture. It is built in beehive shape of nicely squared snow blocks. A door is placed on the leeward side and if a slab of clear ice can be procured it is inserted in one wall for a window. A hole in the roof allows the heavy smoke from the oil lamps to escape. The igloo is an admirable protection against the severe cold of the Arctic winter.



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Special Purchase of Light Weight Portieres--Madras designs--solid tints of old blue, rose, wood browns and various greens--were \$8.47.....6.47

Armure Damask Portieres--fine mercerized brocade designs--rich rose, pink, Chinese and other blues, and other shades--were \$14.97.....9.94

Art Silk Damask Portieres--a dozen most artistic combinations--were as high as \$23.50--Monday and Tuesday. 14.88

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Oval Dish Pans--size 10 quarts.

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\$3.15 Aladdin Aluminum Rice Boiler, 2-qt. capacity 1.98
\$1.75 Windsor Pot Roast Kettle; 6-qt. capacity 98c
\$2.25 Vollrath White Enamel Rice or Cereal Boiler; 1 1/2 qt. capacity 1.79

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